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WSP Assistant Chief Appointed to National Committee

WSP Assistant Chief Brian Ursino has been appointed chair of the DUI Sub-Committee, a committee of the International Association of Chiefs of Police Highway Safety Committee. The goal of this committee is to work closely with Mothers against Drunk Drivers (MADD) and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) to enhance the national strategy to reduce alcohol related deaths in the United States.



This appointment is indicative of the outstanding reputation the Washington State Patrol enjoys on the national level as being a

leader in DUI Programs and Enforcement Efforts, Ursino said. The first meeting of this committee is scheduled for November and will take place in Dallas, Texas, home of MADD's national headquarters. The first meeting will be dedicated to analyzing current DUI enforcement and education strategies and locating gaps in these strategies which can be addressed.

Ursino heads up the WSP Field Operations Bureau. Field Operations is primarily responsible for traffic law enforcement, collision investigation, and motorist assistance on 17,524 miles of state and interstate highways in Washington State.

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